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CalBX Responds to LA Council’s Efforts to Blacklist Contractors

(SACRAMENTO, CA)—Tim Murphy, Board President of the Federation of California Builders Exchanges (CalBX) responded today against the Los Angeles City Council's recently vote to require city contractors to disclose border wall bids.

On Tuesday, August 8, the Los Angeles City Council voted 13-0 to draft an ordinance to require companies seeking or doing business with the city to disclose whether they have contracts to help design, build or provide supplies for any proposed border wall between Mexico and the United States of America.

"It is critically important we insulate bidding practices to reduce instances of corruption, fraud or favoritism. Contractors should be able to choose which projects they wish to bid on without fear of reprisal or discrimination," said Murphy.

With the recent vote, Los Angeles has taken one step forward in joining similar efforts by the San Francisco County Board of Supervisors and the City of Berkeley to prevent equal and competitive bidding practices and piggybacks a state bill that would prohibit California from doing business all together with any person or organization that helps with the construction of the wall in any capacity.

If passed, the law would first require disclosure, although the bill's author, Councilman Gill Cedillo, and city officials have indicated that they are looking into whether they could legally ban those firms, or score them lower when they compete for city contracts.

"They're moving beyond the political theater and hyperbole that this issue generates," Murphy told "Fox & Friends." "They are creating, in fact, a political blacklist, threatening any company that would express an interest – not actually build, but express an interest – in working on the border wall."

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Mr. Murphy’s interview on the issue with *Fox News* can be seen [here](#) and his op-eds in the *SF Examiner* can be seen [here](#) and *Capitol Weekly* [here](#).



The Federation of the California Builders Exchange represents more than 2,800 commercial construction companies and professional trades who build projects across the state, such as schools, hospitals, airports, hotels, correctional facilities and transportation projects.